

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method to process a multicast transfer request within an interconnect device includes receiving the multicast transfer request pertaining to a packet stored by the interconnect device. A number of unicast transfer requests are spawned based on the multicast transfer request. Responsive to a generation of a transfer grant for at least one of the number of unicast transfer requests, a determination is made whether transfer grants have been generated for all of the number of unicast transfer requests. If so, then the packet stored by the interconnect device, and to which the multicast transfer request pertains, is discarded.